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SUBJ: PROPOSED MEETING OF COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE
AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL

REF: A. STATE 133205. B. OECD PARIS 10060

1. AS AGREED IN EXCOMM AND REPORTED IN PAR. 4 OF
REFTEL B, SECRETARIAT PREPARED PAPERS PRELIMINARY TO
PROPOSED MEETING (DAA/1460 - 1463).

2. DRAFT AGENDA ITEM 2B OF COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE
MEETING JUNE 27-29 REFERS TO DATE OF THE PROPOSED
COMMITTEE MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. THIS IMPLIES
THAT COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE WILL ADVISE ON A DATE
AND THAT EXCOMM AND COUNCIL ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE UP
THE MATTER FOR FINAL DECISION.

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3. SINCE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND INFORMALLY ADVISED
THAT THEIR AGRICULTURE MINISTERS COULD NOT ATTEND A
MEETING IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER IS TAKEN UP BY FAO
COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE MEETINGS AND IT WAS NEVER CON-
SIDERED FEASIBLE TO CONVENE THE OECD MEETING IN
DECEMBER, JANUARY DATES HAVE BEEN INFORMALLY DIS-
CUSSED (REFTEL A).

4. JANUARY 26 AND 27, 1978 ARE THE TWO OPENING DAYS OF GRUENE WOCH (GREEN WEEK) IN BERLIN. GERMAN AGRICULTURE MINISTER, EC AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER AND POSSIBLY AGRICULTURE MINISTERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES EXPECTED THERE. DATES SUGGESTED IN REFTEL A THEREFORE NOT WORKABLE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. AS A RESULT OF CONSULTATIONS WITH OECD DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE SIMANTOV, MISSION REQUESTS VIEWS ASAP REGARDING FEASIBILITY OF FEBRUARY 2-3, 1978 AS MEETING DATES. WE UNDERSTAND SECRETARY BERGLAND IS NOT NOW IN WASHINGTON BUT HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN HIS REACTION BEFORE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 27-29.
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